

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Todd Prifogle and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sandra Grant offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:

The Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Commissioner Dodd read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

| Employee | Years of Service | Employee | Years of Service |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Martha Lake | 40 | William Duncan | 5 |
| Stephanie Doran | 25 | Brenda Parker | 5 |
| Gary Cook | 20 | Shara Pounds | 5 |
| Irma Pratt | 15 | Alexander Steele | 5 |
| Barbara Lewis | 10 | Parker VanMeter | 5 |

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray; Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on September 9, 2022, in the amount of \$873,073.79 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on September 9, 2022, in the amount of \$873,073.79 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid September 19, 2022, in the amount of \$1,132,472.07 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - i. Treasurer's Monthly Report Ending 07/31/2022
 - ii. Weights and Measures Monthly Report for the Period 08/16/2022 – 09/15/2022
5. **Ratify Claims:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented a claim from AIC Hotel in the amount of \$452.00 for ratification. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to ratify the claim for AIC Hotel in the amount of \$452.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-39:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-39 – An Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners to Create a New Grant Fund: Title IV-E Reimbursement. The fund created was fund number 8890 for the receipt and deposit of grant funds awarded to the Indiana Public Defender was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Howard County Board of Commissioners:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented minutes of the Executive Session of Howard County Board of Commissioners held September 7, 2022. An Executive Session of Howard County Board of Commissioners was held at 11:30 a.m. on September 7, 2022 in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center located in Kokomo, Indiana, pursuant to notice required under IC 5-14-1.5-5. Commissioners present were Paul Wyman, Jack Dodd, and Brad Bray. The subject matter considered was that permitted under IC 5-14-1.5-5-6(b)(2)(b), and no other subject matter and discussed was submitted. Those stating they signify in favor by saying I was Commissioner Dodd and Commissioner Bray.

Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center Agreement with Dr. Lockwood:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented the agreement between Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center and Dr. Nicole L. Lockwood. This agreement made this 1st day of January 2022 between Jeff Lipinski, Director of Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center, and Dr. Nicole L. Lockwood, M.D., in the amount of \$20,608.00 to be paid in monthly installments of \$1,717.36 per month. This contract was authorized and submitted by Commissioner President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board. The contract was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

Emergency Service Contract Work Authorization:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Emergency Service Contract Work Authorization signed by Commissioner Dodd to clean up the Administration Center basement due to flooding. This authorization was submitted as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner President Paul Wyman, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Open House for Turning Point:

Commissioner President Wyman announced that there will be a grand opening, ribbon cutting, and open house at the Columbia School Building on Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to finalize the building transfer over to Turning Point. County Attorney Alan Wilson was also authorized to prepare the transfer paper work from Howard County to Turning Point. This authorization was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried. Commissioner President Paul Wyman did abstain from voting due to the fact that he is a Turning Point Board Member.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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